

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 4, 2005. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 15, 28 and 34-35, canceled Claims 10, 11, 24, 25, 32 and 33, and have added new Claims 38-45. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case in view of the following remarks.

Section 103(a) Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0061091 issued to Amaratunga et al. ("*Amaratunga*") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,956 issued to Ehlers et al ("*Ehlers*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons stated below.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 15 and 28 and respectfully submit that these amended claims and their respective dependent claims are now patentable over the cited references, namely, *Amaratunga* and *Ehlers*. For example, amended Claim 1 recites, "the analysis engine further operable to analyze the predetermined event based on a first subset of the energy consumption data obtained before the predetermined event and a second subset of the energy consumption data obtained after the predetermined event." Neither *Amaratunga* nor *Ehlers* discloses or suggests at least this limitation.

In addition, Applicants submit that new Claims 38-45 are in condition for allowance because they are not anticipated by, nor rendered obvious by *Amaratunga* and/or *Ehlers*. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Applicants also submit that no new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made or the addition of the new claims. Support can be found in numerous places in the specification.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

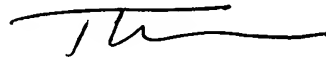
Applicant hereby takes an Extension of Time for responding to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated February 4, 2005 for three (3) months from May 4, 2005 to August 4, 2005. A separate Notification of Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, along with a check in the amount of \$285.00 for small entity is hereby attached.

Applicant hereby attaches a Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) along with a check in the amount of \$750.00 for small entity.

Applicants believe no other fee is due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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